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KING COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Fundamental Principles of Republican Conduct

The King County Republican Central Committee is a private political organization devoted to advancing the policies and philosophies of the Republican Party. Participants in the activities of the King County Republican Central Committee acknowledge and adhere to the following principles of conduct.

A. The Republican Party Encourages Free Discussion and Debate.

The Republican Party grows stronger through vigorous discussion and debate about the philosophies and policies our party should advance to govern our society. Through open discussion, the majority will, over time, adopt the soundest policies for our party and nation.

B. The Republican Party is A Party Open to All.

We welcome every individual who seeks to join with us in advancing the principles of our party. We recognize that men and women of good faith can, do and will disagree on issues of public importance.

C. Republicans Conduct Ourselves With Mutual Respect.

Republicans conduct themselves with respect toward all who seek to participate within our party, and carry on our party activities and debates without ad hominem attacks, personal vituperation or conduct which may appear verbally or physically threatening or intimidating.

D. Participants Accept the Duty to Facilitate Orderly Conduct of Meetings.

The Republican Party involves our volunteers in decision-making through a variety of committee, district, and countywide meetings. By participating in the Republican Party, activists agree to advocate for their viewpoints, as vigorously as desired, with respect for the other participants, and with respect for the process by which the organization moves forward to reach a majority decision.

E. Republican Activists Avoid Abusive Confrontations.

The obligation of any person who participates in Republican Party activities is to do so with respect. Therefore, avoidance of abusive confrontations and of implied or overt physical confrontations is an absolute duty.

ARTICLE I

1.1 Central Committee. The King County Republican Central Committee shall consist of all Republican Precinct Committee Officers of King County.

ARTICLE II

Definitions

2.1 "Central Committee" shall mean the King County Republican Central Committee.

2.2 "Precinct Committee Officer" shall mean all elected and appointed Republican Precinct Officers in good standing in King County.

2.3 "County Chairman", "County Vice Chairman", "County Vice Chairmen", "Treasurer", "Finance Chairman" and "Secretary" shall mean the Chairman, Vice Chairman or Vice Chairmen, Treasurer, Finance Chairman and Secretary of the Central Committee, respectively.

2.4 "State Committeeman", "State Committeewoman" (collectively "State Committee members") and "Members of the State Executive Board" shall mean Republican officers in all instances elected in King County pursuant to these Bylaws.

2.5 All references to "Committee Chairman", "Committee members", "Committees" and "Boards" shall mean King County Republican Chairman, Committees, and boards.

2.6 "Elected officers of the Central Committee" shall be the County Chairman, County Vice Chairmen, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman and the Representatives to the Republican State Executive Board. All elected officers of the Central Committee shall be registered voters and residents of King County.

2.7 The use of masculine, feminine and neuter pronouns and the singular and plural shall be used interchangeably, except where another meaning is required by the context.

ARTICLE III

3.1 Rules of Order. In all instances, when not inconsistent with the provisions of these Bylaws, the most recent revision of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the Central Committee and the meetings of all Committees and Boards a part thereof.

3.2 Video and Audio Recording. The Republican Party is a private association. In all of its meetings, participants and guests should be respectful of those in attendance and of the activities being conducted.. If the use of video or audio recording devices is disruptive, the Chair of the meeting may establish such reasonable restrictions upon the placement and

operation of video and audio devices as the Chair deems appropriate to ensure the orderly conduct of the meeting. Those who refuse to comply with the Chair's direction may be removed from meeting. Any meeting may, by majority vote, elect to bar video or tape recording from its proceedings.

ARTICLE IV

4.1 Quorums for Transaction of Business. After the adoption of these Bylaws, except as hereinafter provided, twenty (20) percent of the members authorized to attend any meeting of the Central Committee, District Caucus, District ratification meeting, Candidate Selection Committee called pursuant to Article 18 or Convention shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, PROVIDED that at any County Convention once a quorum has been established, the quorum to complete the convention's business shall be a majority of those delegates present at the time of the adoption of the initially approved credentials committee report. Except as hereinafter provided, a majority of the members of any other committee of the Central Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V

5.1 County Chairman. The County Chairman is the chief executive officer of the Central Committee, and as such is responsible for Republican Party activities in King County. He shall be ex officio a member of all standing committees and ad hoc committees.

5.2 Appointments and Removals. The County Chairman shall appoint a County Secretary and a County Treasurer. He is empowered to create, from among the Republican electors of King County, committees as provided herein and such other committees as he deems advisable, and to appoint the members and chairmen thereof. Except as otherwise provided herein, the County Chairman shall have the discretionary power to remove from office any person appointed by him or his appointee to any party office.

5.3 Finance. In the name and on behalf of the Republican Party of King County, the County Chairman shall have the sole power and it shall be his duty to solicit and receive funds. He shall exercise the power and discharge this duty, either personally or through any representative or representatives appointed by him for that purpose. He shall transmit all funds to the Treasurer.

5.3.1 It shall be the responsibility of the County Chairman, subject to the limitations of the budget, to direct the allocation and apportionment of funds, activities, campaigns, and agencies dependent in whole or in part upon funds raised in King County for their support. Expenses shall not be incurred except in accordance with the last sentence of Section 14.3.2.

5.3.2 The County Chairman shall be responsible for preparation and written presentation of a Finance Report to be given at the biennial organizational meeting. The Finance Report shall include a Balance Sheet as of November 30 and a Statement of Profit and Loss for the current year to date through November 30 together with a schedule of accounts

payable and other accrued liabilities. The statement shall be prepared on a basis consistent with the monthly reports.

5.4 Meetings. The County Chairman shall preside as Chairman of the Advisory Board, Executive Committee and at such other meetings as are appropriate to his office. He shall preside as Temporary Chairman at conventions and biennial organizational meetings until a Permanent Chairman of each such meeting or convention shall be elected.

5.5 Term of Office. The County Chairman shall serve during the period of time between his election and the election of his successor at the next biennial organizational meeting, unless his office shall be sooner vacant, as provided in Article XVI herein.

ARTICLE VI

6.1 County Vice Chairmen. There shall be two Vice Chairmen, who shall be of opposite sexes. The Vice Chairman of the sex opposite that of the Chairman shall be the Senior Vice Chairman. It shall be the duty of the County Vice Chairmen to assist and advise the County Chairman in promoting Party activities. The Senior Vice Chairman shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the County Chairman in his absence. In the event that there shall be a vacancy in the office of County Chairman, the Senior Vice Chairman shall, as acting Chairman, exercise the powers and perform the duties of that office until the vacancy shall cease to exist. The Vice Chairmen shall perform such further duties as assigned by the County Chairman. The second Vice Chairman shall act in the event of absence or vacancy of both Chairman and Senior Vice Chairman.

ARTICLE VII

7.1 Representation to the Republican State Committee. The Central Committee shall be represented in the governing bodies of the Republican State Committee of Washington as defined by the bylaws of that body.

7.2 State Committeeman and State Committeewoman. The State Committeeman and State Committeewoman shall also serve as members of the Republican State Committee and shall exercise such powers and duties as pertain to their offices.

7.3 Representatives to the State Executive Board. In addition to the State Committeeman and State Committeewoman, Executive Board Members shall be elected so that there will be one member residing at the time of election in each of the First, Seventh Eighth and Ninth Congressional Districts. The representatives shall perform such duties as pertain to the office of a representative to the State Executive Board.

7.4 Additional Duties. The State Committee members and the Representatives to the State Executive Board shall also serve as members of the County Advisory Board and the

County Executive Committee. It shall be their responsibility to report to the County Chairman, the County Executive Committee and the County Central Committee upon the activities of the State Committee and the State Executive Board. They shall in addition perform such further duties as reasonably may be assigned to them by the County Chairman.

7.5 Effect of Reapportionment of State Executive Board. In the event that the bylaws of the Republican State Committee of Washington shall be amended to reduce the number of representatives from King County to the State Executive Board, the Elected Officers of the Central Committee shall determine which of the members of the State Executive Committee elected pursuant to these bylaws shall continue to serve; provided that, in any event, the State Committeeman and State Committeewoman shall continue to serve on the State Executive Board; and provided further that the members elected by the central committee shall nevertheless continue to have all the responsibilities and duties established by these bylaws. In the event that the bylaws of the Republican State Committee of Washington shall be amended to increase the number of representatives from King County to the State Executive Board, the King County Executive Committee shall elect an individual or individuals to serve in the positions until the next Organization Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

8.1 Secretary. A Secretary shall be appointed by the County Chairman. The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of all meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee, and shall perform such further duties as the County Chairman shall assign.

ARTICLE IX

9.1 County Treasurer. A Treasurer shall be appointed by the County Chairman with the concurrence of a majority of the Budget Committee. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the Central Committee. He shall keep records of receipts and disbursements and shall disburse funds only on the order of the County Chairman within the approved budget. A Deputy who shall be responsible to the County Treasurer and be subject to the same restrictions as the County Treasurer may be appointed by the County Chairman with the concurrence of a majority of the Budget Committee. The Deputy Treasurer may be designated a signer on bank accounts and may sign checks as directed by the Treasurer in his absence. The treasurer shall be an ex officio non-voting member of the Audit Committee.

9.2 Reports and Records. The Treasurer shall cause to be filed accurate and timely reports with the Public Disclosure Commission and other applicable regulatory bodies. He shall submit to the County Chairman and the Executive Committee monthly financial statements together with such other reports as the Executive Committee may request.

9.3 Bonding Requirement. The Treasurer shall procure a fidelity bond or policy of fidelity insurance, covering himself and all other officers, employees, and agents of the Central

Committee having access to or responsibility for its funds, such bond or insurance policy to be issued by sureties or insurance companies approved by the County Chairman and in such amounts as he deems appropriate.

9.4 Removal. The County Treasurer and/or the Deputy Treasurer may be removed by the County Chairman with the concurrence of a majority of the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE X

10.1 County Credentials Chairman. The County Chairman shall appoint, subject to approval by the Executive Committee, a County Credentials Chairman whose duty it shall be, under his direction, to: (1) establish procedures insuring that only those persons eligible under state law and these bylaws shall be seated at precinct and district caucuses, county and state conventions, and at the meetings of the Central Committee and the Candidate Selection Committee; (2) function as Credentials Chairman from the county to any state meeting requiring accreditation of county delegates except where a county Convention has elected a Credentials Chairman to represent the county; and (3) chair a Credentials committee composed of one representative from each of King County's Legislative Districts, these to be nominated by the District Chairman and appointed by the County Chairman, which shall serve as the Credentials Committee for all meetings and conventions of the Central Committee The County Credentials Committee shall perform such duties as may reasonably be assigned by the County Chairman or the County Credentials Chairman. The County Credentials Chairman may be removed by the County Chairman with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI

District Organizations

11.1 District Chairman – Appointment and Ratification.

11.1.1 The District Chairman shall be a registered voter and resident of the Legislative district in which he serves and shall be appointed by the County Chairman, subject to ratification by a majority of the Precinct Committee Officers from the district who are present and voting at a meeting called for that purpose by the County Chairman and held within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of the vacancy or sixty (60) days after the biennial organization meeting, whichever is later. A meeting called for ratification of a District Chairman shall be held within the legislative district affected or at the usual and customary location of district meetings.

11.1.2 Written notice of the time, place and purpose of any meeting called under section 11.1 or 11.2 shall be given to all Precinct Committee Officers eligible to vote, not less than ten (10) days in advance of the meeting. If the purpose of the meeting is ratification of

District Chairman, the notice shall include the name of the County Chairman's nominee. The County Chairman, or his designee, shall preside over any meeting called under Section 11.1 or 11.2.

11.1.3 In the event that a quorum is not present, ratification shall be considered accomplished by default. If the appointee is not ratified, the County Chairman may appoint an alternate nominee, without prior notice, subject to ratification by a majority of the Precinct Committee Officers present and eligible to vote at that meeting.

11.1.4 If no appointee is ratified at the initial meeting, then within forty (40) days a meeting shall be held to consider the Chairman's next appointee, subject to the notice and ratification procedures of this Section. In the event a quorum is not present, ratification shall be considered accomplished by default.

11.2 District Chair Election by Precinct Committee Officers in Absence of Ratification. If the appointee is not ratified at the meeting held under Section 11.1.4, then those Precinct Committee Officers present and eligible to vote shall immediately elect a District Chairman or recess the meeting after setting a date for a meeting to elect a new District Chairman. The date of that meeting shall be at least fourteen (14) but not more than twenty-one (21) days from the date of the recessed meeting. If a quorum to ratify under Section 11.1.4 is present at the beginning of this meeting, a quorum shall be deemed to be established for the whole meeting.

11.3 District Chairman – Removal. A District Chairman may be removed by the action of the County Chairman for any reason, and the County Chairman shall appoint a replacement District Chairman within thirty (30) days, in accordance with Sections 11.1 and 11.2. In addition, the County Chairman shall convene a meeting to consider removal of a District Chairman within thirty (30) days after receipt of a petition calling for the removal of the District Chairman signed by one-third of the Precinct Committee Officers eligible to vote thereon. A quorum for this meeting shall be fifty (50) percent of the Precinct Committee Officers eligible to vote. A two-thirds vote shall be required for removal.

11.4 District Chairman – Duties. The District Chairman shall be the chief Central Committee Officer within the Legislative District.

11.4.1 To the extent practicable, the District Chairman shall appoint:

(A) One or more Vice Chairmen.

(B) One Area Chairman for each area in the District. The total number of areas shall normally be approximately one for every ten (10) precincts in the District.

(C) Regional Chairmen as deemed necessary and desirable. The number of regions shall normally not exceed one for every forty (40) precincts in the district.

(D) Such committee chairman as he may deem necessary.

11.4.2 The District Chairman may nominate:

(A) Precinct Committee Officers and Precinct Chairman in vacant precincts to be appointed by the County Chairman, subject to the provisions of Section XII.

(B) A member of the County Candidates Committee to be appointed by the County Chairman.

(C) A member of the County Credentials Committee as provided in Article 10.1.

11.4.3 The District Chairman shall create such committees as he may deem advisable.

11.4.4 The District Chairman shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

11.4.5 The District Chairman shall preside as Temporary Chairman at all District Caucuses.

11.4.6 The District Chairman shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the County Chairman. In the absence of a District Chairman, the County Chairman shall exercise all powers and duties of the District Chairman.

11.5 Area and Regional Chairmen. Area and Regional Chairmen shall serve as deputies of the District Chairman. They shall also serve as members of the District Staff. They shall recommend, for nomination by the District Chairman, Precinct Committee Officers and Precinct Chairmen. They shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned to them by the District Chairman.

11.6 Partial Districts. A Legislative District which has fewer than forty (40) precincts located in King County may be combined with an adjacent legislative district for all purposes under these bylaws; provided, however, that those precincts shall be treated as a separate district for any purpose required by state law or Washington State Republican Party bylaw or rule.

ARTICLE XII

Precinct Committee Officers and Chairmen

12.1 Elected Precinct Committee Officers. Precinct Committee Officers shall be elected to office in accordance with Ch 29A.80 RCW. When elected at the primary, the precinct committee officer shall serve so long as the committee officer remains an eligible voter in that precinct. They are empowered to nominate Election Officials serving in the precinct and to appoint block captains and poll observers. They shall implement programs initiated by the County and District Chairmen. Each Precinct Committee Officer, or a registered voter of the precinct designated by him, shall preside at all precinct caucuses.

12.2 Appointed Precinct Committee Officers. In the event a precinct is without an elected Precinct Committee Officer, the County Chairman may appoint a Precinct Committee Officer from among the registered voters resident herein. Such appointment shall be upon the recommendation of the District Chairman, provided that if the County Chairman shall propose an appointment to the District Chairman in writing and thirty (30) days shall have elapsed thereafter, and the District Chairman shall not have rejected the appointment, the County Chairman may make the appointment as though nomination and approval had been received. Upon receipt of a recommendation by the District Chairman, the County Chairman shall appoint or reject the recommendation within thirty (30) days, and shall notify the district Chairman and individual involved in writing. The

appointed Precinct Committee Officer shall have all the powers and responsibilities of the elected Precinct Committee Officer except that he will not be a delegate to the biennial Central Committee organization meeting. He shall be eligible to vote at all other Central Committee meetings and District Meetings provided he was appointed at least sixty (60) days prior thereto. An appointed Precinct Committee Officer may not be removed by the County Chairman.

12.3 Precinct Chairmen. Precinct Chairmen may be appointed by the County Chairman. They are not required to be residents or registered voters in the precincts in which they serve. They shall have all powers and responsibilities of Precinct Committee Officers except that they shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Central Committee or the District meetings provided for in Article XI, XV, XVII, or XVIII.

12.4 Procedure for Determining Precinct Committee Officer Positions in Revised Precincts. Whenever precinct boundaries are revised or realigned, or precincts are consolidated or new precincts created, the following rules shall apply.

12.4.1 If only one previously-elected or appointed Precinct Committee Officer resides in the new precinct boundaries, he shall serve as Precinct Committee Officer for the new precinct.

12.4.2 If two or more previously-elected Precinct Committee Officers reside in the new precinct boundaries they may agree on who will serve, or determine by lot who shall serve.

12.4.3 If a previously-elected Precinct Committee Officer and an appointed Precinct Committee Officer reside in the new precinct boundaries, the elected Precinct Committee Officer shall serve.

12.4.4 If two or more appointed Precinct Committee Officers reside in the new precinct boundaries they may agree on who will serve, or determine by lot who shall serve.

12.4.5 If two or more Precinct Chairmen shall reside in the new precinct boundaries, the District Chairman shall, with sixty days, recommend who will serve in the new precinct.

ARTICLE XIII

13.1 Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall be comprised of all elected officers of the Central Committee, and not more than four other members appointed to this Board by the County Chairman. This Board shall assist the County Chairman in the development and establishment of Party programs and perform such other duties as he may assign. The Board may act in place of the Executive Committee between meetings of the Executive Committee. In addition, the Board may act by a telephonic meeting; alternatively it may act by unanimous written consent. Any such action taken shall be reported at the next meeting of the Executive Committee for any action it deems appropriate.

ARTICLE XIV

Committees

14.1 Executive Committee. To assist the County Chairman in execution of his duties, there shall be an Executive Committee comprised of the County Chairman, other elected officers of the Central Committee, and Legislative District Chairmen. The Committee shall meet on the call of the County Chairman at least every two months. One-third of the members of the Executive Committee shall have the authority to call a meeting of the Executive Committee on five days' notice. Between sessions of the Central Committee, the Executive Committee shall have the powers of the Central Committee except those relative to election and removal of officers and amendment to these Bylaws. No action may be taken by the Executive Committee which is contrary to the express actions previously taken by the Central Committee. At Executive Committee meetings, in the absence of a District Chairman, the District Vice Chairman shall have the right to vote as proxy of the Chairman. In the event of absence of both the District Chairman and Vice Chairman, the District Chairman may designate another member of the District staff as his proxy.

14.2 Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall be appointed by the County Chairman.

14.3 Budget Committee. A Budget Committee, appointed by the County Chairman, consisting of the Finance Chairman, one other member of the Finance Committee, two elected officeholders elected from King County who are Republicans, two District Chairmen elected by the Executive Committee, and the elected officers of the King County Central Committee, shall be established and maintained by the county organization. The County Treasurer shall serve on the Committee as an ex officio non-voting member. The Chairman of the committee shall be selected from its membership by the County Chairman.

14.3.1 Within sixty days after his election, and prior to the beginning of the second year of his term, the County Chairman shall prepare and present to the Budget Committee his budget for the ensuing year. Until the budget is adopted, only essential operating expenses shall be incurred or paid. The budget shall be subject to review by the Budget Committee and shall not be effective until approved by the Budget Committee. Once adopted, the Budget Committee shall meet quarterly to review and, if necessary, adjust budget line items. Expenses shall not be incurred until the money is in hand except upon prior approval of the Budget Committee and the Executive Committee.

14.3.2 No expenditure outside of the budget shall be made unless approval has first been obtained from the Budget committee. Transfer may be made by the Treasurer from one item in the budget to another after approval by the Budget Committee. Vouchers, signed by the County Chairman, shall be required for all funds of the Central Committee spent for any purpose. No individual or committee shall make commitments for funds without the approval of the County Chairman or his delegate, nor shall the County Chairman

approve expenditures not included in the approved budget without first obtaining approval of the Budget Committee.

14.4 Candidates Committee. The County Chairman may appoint a committee or committees, as appropriate, to recruit candidates for partisan or non-partisan office.

14.4.1 The responsibilities of a Candidates Committee are:

(a) To identify and encourage responsible and appealing Republican candidates to run for public office.

(b) To assist the County Chairman, Legislative District organizations and candidates with campaign procedures, programs, facilities, scheduling and related matters.

14.4.2 Vacancies on Election Ballots. In the event a vacancy on the ballot shall occur through non-filing or other cause which under chapter 29A.28 RCW it is the prerogative of the Central Committee to fill, the power may be exercised by the Executive Committee, or between meetings of the Executive Committee, by the Advisory Board, or between meetings of the Advisory Board by the County Chairman.

14.5 An Audit Committee, appointed by the elected officers of the Central Committee, consisting of one District Chair, one elected officer of the King County Central Committee and one county central committee officer shall be established. The Budget Committee Chair and the Treasurer shall serve as ex officio non-voting members. The Audit Committee shall periodically review the books and records of the Central Committee. The Audit Committee shall report to the Advisory Board and the Executive Committee and shall make recommendations on matters relating to financial controls and are empowered to make recommendations to the Advisory Board for a professional external review by a Certified Public Accountant. The Audit Committee must meet not less frequently than quarterly. Voting members of the Audit Committee may be removed by a majority vote of the elected officers of the Central Committee.

14.6 Other Committees. The County Chairman shall have the authority to establish other committees he deems necessary for the successful execution of his assigned responsibilities.

ARTICLE XV

Election, Vacancies and Removal of Elected Officers of the Central Committee.

15.1 Election. The County Chairman, County Vice Chairmen, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman, the Representatives to the State Executive Board, shall be elected in that order by the Central Committee at its biennial organizational meeting. Election for each office shall be by a simple majority of those members of the Central Committee eligible to vote and voting for each such office..

15.1.1 Proxy votes shall not be allowed.

15.2 Vacancies and Removals. If the Chairman, a Vice Chairman or representative to the State Executive Board shall die, resign, hold or assume a salaried elective public office, become a candidate for an elective public office as defined by RCW 42.17A.005. or cease to be an elector within King County, Washington, that office shall thereupon be vacant. If it shall be intended to remove any officer, a meeting of the Central Committee for such purpose may be called or convened through procedures provided for in Article XVII of these Bylaws. The officer sought to be removed shall be given full and fair opportunity to present evidence and argument in his own behalf. Fifty (50) percent of the members authorized to vote on removal shall constitute a quorum for the consideration of removal. Removal may be for any cause which the Committee shall deem sufficient and shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

15.3 Filling of Vacancies. Not more than twenty (20) days following the occurrence of a vacancy in the Office of County Chairman, the Senior County Vice Chairman as Chairman, shall cause to be mailed to each member of the Central Committee a notice of a meeting of the Central Committee for the purpose of filling such vacancy, providing notice of not less than fourteen (14) days and not more than thirty (30) days. Such notice shall fix a place and time for the Central Committee meeting. At such meeting the Senior County Vice Chairman as Chairman, shall preside. Vacancies in other elective Party offices shall be filled by election by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XVI

16.1 Biennial Organization Meeting and Special Meetings. Following each biennial election at which Precinct Committee Officers are elected, a Biennial Organization Meeting shall be called to meet on either the first or second Saturday of the following December. The County Chairman shall cause to be mailed to each member of the Central Committee a notice fixing a place and time for the meeting not less than ten (10) or more than thirty (30) days after mailing of the notice. The call shall also include notice that advance copies of the proposed rules and bylaws shall be posted on the Central Committee's website and available for purchase at the Central Committee's office at cost not less than one week before the meeting. Such meeting shall be held in accord with the purposes set forth in RCW 29A.80.030. The Credentials Committee and the Rules Committee for such meeting shall be the respective committees selected for the immediately prior County Convention pursuant to Section 17. 4.1. The County Chairman shall open the meeting, which shall thereupon elect by a simple majority of those voting, a Chairman for the meeting. Following this the meeting shall consider and adopt, by a simple majority vote, its agenda, rules and regulations. Upon the convening of the Organization meeting, these Bylaws shall lapse.

16.2 Special meetings of the Central Committee may be called at any time by the County Chairman or the Executive Committee on two weeks' notice and the call shall state the purpose of the meeting. A special meeting shall be called by the County Chairman upon receipt by him of a petition therefor, signed by at least twenty (20) per cent of the total

number of Precinct Committee Officers in King County and shall be held within thirty days after receipt of the petition. The County Chairman shall preside as Chairman of all such meetings, except that in the case of any meeting called for removal of the Chairman, the Senior Vice Chairman shall serve as temporary chairman of the meeting.

ARTICLE XVII

17.1 Conventions and Caucuses. The County Chairman shall provide for precinct caucuses, legislative district caucuses, and a county convention in accordance with the Bylaws, the rules of the Republican State Committee, and the laws of the State of Washington.

Wherever this Article is inconsistent with the rules of the Republican State Committee governing the selection of delegates to the state convention, the County Chairman shall hold caucuses and convention in accordance with the state rules. For the purposes of caucuses and conventions this section is expressly made subject to the applicable state rules and applicable state law.

17.2 Precinct Caucuses. The County Chairman shall call for the precinct caucuses to be held in each precinct in King County for the purpose of electing delegates to the legislative district caucuses and to the county convention. The Precinct Committee Officer, or a registered voter designated by him, shall preside as chairman. The rules and order of business shall be prescribed by the county Executive Committee, consistent with Washington State Republican Party rules.

17.2.1 In any precinct where there is no Precinct Committee Officer or where the existing Precinct Committee Officer refuses or is unable to hold a caucus, any three registered voters designating themselves to be Republicans may petition the County Chairman to hold a precinct caucus for the Republican Party in the precinct in which they are registered. Such petition shall be verified under oath, signed by the petitioners, and designate one of the petitioners to be the temporary chairman of the caucus. It shall contain the proposed location of the precinct caucus. The temporary chairman designated in the first petition filed for each precinct shall be temporary chairman and shall perform the duties that are required of elected and appointed Precinct Committee Officers for that precinct caucus. Such petitions shall be filed not less than three weeks prior to the date of the precinct caucus. The County Chairman shall deliver to such temporary chairman the same precinct caucus materials as are delivered by him to Precinct Committees Officers. In cases where no petition is received, the County Chairman shall designate a location and temporary chairman for the caucus.

17.3 Legislative District Caucuses. The County Chairman shall call and arrange for a Legislative district caucus within each legislative district in King County for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state convention of the Republican Party of the State of Washington, and for such other purposes as the Executive Committee shall prescribe. Automatic delegates and delegates elected at precinct caucuses shall be the sole delegates to the legislative district caucuses as provided by the rules of the Republican State Committee.

17.4 County Convention. Following the legislative district caucuses, the County Chairman shall make arrangements for and call a King County Republican Convention to be held at a convenient time and place prior to the next Republican State Convention. All persons who are delegates to the legislative district caucuses shall be delegates to, and empowered to vote at, the county convention. The principal purpose of the county convention shall be the adoption of a platform and resolutions, the election of county representatives to state convention committees and the election of delegates to the state convention, if not accomplished prior thereto at district caucuses.

17.4.1 In January of each even year, each Legislative District shall, on ten (10) days written or email notice convene a meeting of Precinct Committee Officers. The District Chairman shall nominate one member and one alternate for the platform and resolutions, and rules committees of the County Convention, subject to ratification by the Precinct Committee Officers in attendance. If a quorum is absent, ratification shall be accomplished by default. If one or more of the nominees are rejected, the Precinct Committee Officers present shall immediately elect the member or alternate for each position where the District Chairman's nominee has been rejected.

17.4.2 The credentials, platform and resolutions, and rules and order of business committees shall meet before the county convention. The Chairmen of said committees shall be appointed by the County Chairman. Copies of (1) the proposed rules and order of business and of (2) the proposed platform and resolutions shall be made available to all delegates at the county convention upon registration at the convention. Advance copies of the proposed platform and rules and order of business shall be available to delegates for purchase at cost at the Central Committee's office and by email upon request not less than one week prior to the convention.

17.4.3 The report of the Platform and Resolution Committee shall consist of a platform and such resolutions as the committee may desire to report. Additional resolutions and platform planks may be considered from the floor of the convention. The platform shall be the official position of the Republican Party in King County. Each section shall contain a single subject and shall require an affirmative vote of sixty (60) percent for approval. Resolutions shall represent the opinion of the delegates to the convention and shall require a majority vote for approval. Any plank defeated for the platform may be considered as a resolution.

17.4.4 The County Chairman shall call the convention to order as the temporary chairman. At all caucuses and conventions, the unit rule shall not be permitted. All business shall be governed by most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, except where they are inconsistent with these bylaws, or with specific rules adopted for precinct caucuses and legislative district caucuses as announced by the county Executive Committee or as adopted by the legislative District caucus or county convention as part of their organizational procedure.

ARTICLE XVIII

18.1 Filling of Vacancies in Elective Office. Whenever a vacancy shall occur or be about to occur (as evidenced by a notice from the officeholder to the Chairman) in a public office,

to which, by law, the Central Committee is entitled to make nominations for a replacement, the County Chairman shall appoint a Candidate Selection Committee which shall consider all candidates making themselves known. The Committee shall determine its procedures, subject to Section 18.4 below, and shall act with all reasonable dispatch, having regard for both the desirability of notice and the desirability of a prompt filling of the vacancy.

18.2 Consultations. The County Chairman shall consult with the Advisory Board, the District Chairman and the incumbent legislators from the district and shall endeavor to assure that at least three candidates are available for consideration by the Candidate Selection Committee.

18.3 Composition of Committee. The Candidate Selection Committee shall consist of the Precinct Committee Officers of the constituency of the vacant office, all the Legislative District Chairmen residing within the constituency, all incumbent Republican legislators and other Republican officials holding elective partisan offices and residing within the constituency, the outgoing officeholder if available, and the elected officers of the Central Committee.

18.4 Procedure. The Committee shall select by majority vote its first choice for filling the vacancy. It shall then by separate ballot select, by majority vote, its second choice and it shall then by separate ballot select, by majority vote, its third choice. The report of the committee shall list in order of preference the three candidates to be submitted for filling the vacancy.

ARTICLE XIX

Formal Sanctions.

19.1 Principles for Imposing Sanctions. Egregious, flagrant and continued violations of the Fundamental Principles of Republican Conduct that risk doing damage to the Republican Party may be appropriate cases for imposition of formal sanctions under this Article.

19.2 Resolution of Formal Repudiation. A Resolution of Formal Repudiation may be proposed and adopted in accord with the following procedures. (a) The Elected Officers of the Central Committee, acting as a committee, shall develop and propose the Resolution, which shall specify the activities being repudiated in sufficient detail to allow a response; (b) the proposed resolution shall be provided to the individual or organization that is the subject of the resolution, together with notice of the meeting at which the resolution shall be considered, which shall be not less than ten days from the date notice was provided, (c) the individual, or representative of organization, shall be entitled to be present at the meeting of the Executive Committee considering the resolution and shall have a full and reasonable opportunity to present his reasons in opposition to the resolution, (d) the Executive Committee shall vote on the resolution by recorded vote, and (e) passage shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

19.2.1 Any adopted Resolution of Formal Repudiation shall be communicated as the Chairman

or Executive Committee shall determine.

19.3 Denial of Good Standing Status. Precinct Committee Officers and other Republican party activists may be denied the status of "good standing" by the action of the Elected Officers of the Central Committee acting as a committee pursuant to the following procedures; (a) a written complaint signed by a Precinct Committee Officer shall be presented to the Elected Officers who shall consider whether the complaint justifies further investigation, which decision shall be communicated to the complainant, (b) if so, the Elected Officers shall appoint a fact-finding committee, consisting of not less than three individuals who shall investigate the charges and make findings of fact germane to the charges, (c) the fact-finding committee shall provide the individual who is the subject of their investigation with a copy of the complaint and shall provide the individual with an opportunity to meet with them and provide evidence, (d) the fact-finding committee shall engage in reasonable efforts to receive evidence from other individuals who may have relevant knowledge, (e) the fact-finding committee shall provide a written report of its conclusions to the Elected Officers, (f) a copy of the report shall be shall be provided to the individual who is the subject of the complaint, together with notice of the meeting at which the report shall be received and considered, which shall be not less than ten days from the date notice was provided, (g) the individual shall be entitled to be present when the Elected Officers meet to receive and consider the resolution and shall have a full and reasonable opportunity to present his reasons in opposition to the resolution, (h), The Elected Officers shall consider the report and by motion, vote by recorded vote to determine whether the individual shall be determined to be not in good standing, (i) passage shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total number of Elected Officers.

19.3.1 Any individual found not to be in good standing with the King County Republican Central Committee shall have no further voting rights in any meeting of the Central Committee, or any of its constituent parts such as Legislative Districts and committees, shall be ineligible to hold a precinct caucus or to serve as an automatic or elected delegate to the King County Republican Convention, or any District Conventions, shall be ineligible to be elected to represent King County Republicans at any convention called by the Republican State Committee of Washington, and shall be ineligible to serve on any other committee established by or under the authority of the Central Committee. These disabilities shall survive a subsequent election or reelection of the individual as a Precinct Committee Officer and shall last for a period of not less than two years, nor longer than six years, as determined by the resolution of the Elected Officers, and which may be reduced by subsequent action of a majority of the Elected Officers.

ARTICLE XX

20.1 Amending the Bylaws. The Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Central Committee by a two-thirds majority vote of the committee present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment or amendments has been included in the notice of the meeting. This provision does not apply to the adoption of the bylaws at the biennial organization meeting, which shall be accomplished by a majority vote.

The foregoing amended Bylaws were presented for adoption at the Central Committee meeting

on December 3, 2016.

Bylaws Review Committee: Amy Davis, Pete Lewis, Ross Marzolf, Monica Tracey, John White, Chairman